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Community Celebration Set For Hilltop Area

Pictured are some of the people who are involved.

An all-day celebration sponsored by the churches of the Hilltop area and aimed at creating greater awareness and cooperation in the Hilltop Community has been set for Saturday, August 7.

The event was announced by Father William Bichsel of St. Leo's Church and Reverend Ulysses Carr of Allen AME Church.

The two churches and a number of others in the Hilltop have joined to sponsore this "Project '71" day for all people in the community, not just those associated with a church.

"The churches feel the needs in the area are so great that the people can't begin to solve them unless they join together and develop more knowledge and understanding of each other's feelings and problems," Father Bichsel explained. "We thought a day of fun and relaxed activity together would help accomplish this."

The celebration will take place in the gym & outdoor recreation facilities behind St. Leo's & Allen AME churches on Yakima between South 13 and 15th.

The day will start at 10:00 a.m. with organized games for the kids and volleyball and other activities for adults and senior citizens.

A barbecue featuring ribs, hot dogs and salmon will take place from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., followed by a dance for teens and adults beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Both ministers stressed that all people in the Hilltop are invited to share in the activities. "This is definitely not a commercial event," Rev. Carr emphasized, "and we want to be able to meet and get to know as many new people as possible."

Richard Fox Receives Post Office Promotions

Ever wonder what happens to those letters & packages you drop in a mailbox? Chances are Richard Fox will be one of the key men involved in making sure those articles get to where they should.

Fox, a longtime employee at the Tacoma Postal Terminal on 38th St., was recently promoted to the position of platform supervisor. Along with thirteen employees under him, Mr. Fox supervises the handling of as many as three thousand incoming and outgoing bags of mail daily.

Considering that each bag is jammed with thousands of letters, magazines, and other articles, that is a lot of mail. And also considering that the annex receives mail from a hundred separate points and sends out outgoing Tacoma mail to as many, it's a tricky job assuring that each bag goes to where it should.

Born and raised in Tacoma, Richard Fox & his wife Bernice make their home at 3638 - 65th Ave. West in University Place. They have two children, Patricia, a junior at St. Leo's, and Richard, Jr., who just graduated from Bellarmine and is off to Western Washington State this fall.

Fox joined the Post Office after a tour with the army and has been with it ever since. He was promoted to his present position on June 26 and is the first member of his race to occupy it in Tacoma. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Bellarmine Boosters.

Rank has its price, however. Fox used to be active in the Postal Clerks Union and served as its elected president. Now that he has been elevated to his supervisory position, he can no longer be an active official in the union.

~NOTICE~

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Facts Newsscope

The Week in Review

World And National

ASTRONAUTS David Scott and James Irwin blasted off from the moon Monday and rejoined their orbiting command ship, Endeavour, piloted by Alfred Worden.

SEC. WILLIAM ROGERS announced that the United States will drop its twenty-year opposition to the seating of Red China in the United Nationa.

VIET CONG Foreign Minister Mrs. Nguyen Thi Binh disclosed in Paris that the V. C. will identify all U.S. prisoners of war in its custody as soon as the U.S. sets a definite date for an American pullout.

RAILROAD WORKERS settled for a 42% wage boost over a 42 month period after selective strikes threatened to disrupt the nation's railroad system.

THE SENATE closely approved 49 to 48 $250 million in federal loan guarantees for near bankrupt Lockheed Aircraft Corp. The same measure passed the House Friday by a three vote margin.

U.S. STEEL CORP. announced a price boost on virtually all of its products twelve hours after the industry and the United Steelworkers agreed on a new contract.

THE AMERICAN LEGION, meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma, urged a presidential board be established to earase the stigma of a dishonorable discharge for Vietnam veterans mustered out on drug charges.

COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY is down to 102 lbs. as a result of his fast, over three months long. He has vowed not to eat solid foods until the war in Southeast Asia is ended.

Regional And Local

GOV. EVANS of Washington, along with Governors McCall (Ore.) and Reagan (Calif.) met in San Francisco Wednesday with Harry Bridges of the Longshoremen's Union in efforts to end the strike that has idled West Coast ports.

A PORTLAND POLICEMAN was stabbed and three persons arrested after a confrontation with youths protesting the arrest of one of their number.

SEATTLE COUNCIL Pres. C. M. Carroll was indicted Friday along with numerous other present and past Seattle civic and police officials on charges of corruption.

CITY ELECTION candidacy filings closed in Tacoma Friday with 45 candidates vying for the voters' approval.

BROADWAY AVENUE in Tacoma was partly shut off to traffic Friday and Saturday to test out the possibility of a shoppers' mall. Thousands flocked to the area as stores held outdoor sales and craftsmen and artists displayed their wares.

MALTREATMENT OF INDIANS was charged by the State Board Against Discrimination against the Tacoma Police Dept. and the Pierce County Sheriff's Dept.

City And County Endorse Massive Aug. 13-15 Food Drive

An attempt to supply food for all who need it got strong support from Mayor Gordon N Johnston and the Pierce County Board of Commissioners last Wednesday.

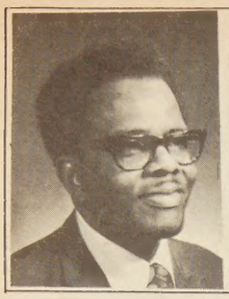
The drive is under the direction of Phil Kaplan, a young activist who feels everyone must be freed from the grip of hunger. Kaplan is chairman of the Food Concerns Committee, which in turn is sponsored by the Associated Ministries of Tacoma-Pierce County.

Support for the drive, slated for Fri - Sun. Aub. 13-15, has been assured from the National Guard and the army at Ft. Lewis, as well as numerous civic groups and organizations.

Collection points will include all city and county fire stations and numerous churches in the area.

According to Phil Kaplan, more than one out of every four persons in the county is in need of food, some very badly. These includes the aged, families on public assistance, and many others who do not qualify for such assistance.

He expressed the hope that Pierce County would do relatively as well as King County, where over 170,000 food baskets were recently distributed.



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God has blessed him with a great ministry. You can hear him every Sunday at 5:00 o'clock p.m., Radio Station KMO 1360 on the dial. We would also love for you to come to the New Jerusalem Church in person, and worship God with us.

Letter To All Readers.

Dear Readers:

Before I came to Viet-Nam, all I knew about it was what I heard, and I had the attitude that many Americans still have -- that it's not our fight !! But if you were here to see, and feel the pain and hardships that people suffer over here in this war*torn land so many miles from home, you too would understand that there's a purpose for us being here. The reason I send you this, is because Seattle is my home, and I thought you might like to know something about the war. To sum this up I can only say this: This is our war, and it shall be our peace.

To deny one liberty, is never right. And this is the reason why we are in this fight.

Our Fight

I see the soldiers coming in from the field.
A tear - stained face says a buddy was killed.
For many have fallen with victorious cries.
While others look on with mournful eyes.

I was sent over here, and a year I must stay.
It is the will of God, and I must obey.
My "PADNA" and I were talking last night
About the people at home who are starting to fight.

They rob and kill for reasons unknown
Can we look forward to this if we ever get home?
Those people in America that rob and kill
Should be over here on this lonely hill.

It's true there's a purpose for being here
But what about America, is there a purpose There!?!
We fight side by side -- some live, some die.
Even the strongest sometimes cry.

Yesterday and today are both the same,
I pray for peace tomorrow may bring.
Every night by my bunk I kneel down and pray
And thank the good Lord for one more day.

I someday may leave this place we all call Hell
And go back to a land that I love so well.
Now you can't say, that you don't understand
Why we're over here fighting in a faraway land.
I can sit here and riddle all night
You can call it what you want, we call it OUR FIGHT.

by SP4 Claude N. Green, Jr.
Viet-Nam

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Communityee Selected To Administer "Catherine Andrews Memorial Fund"

Mrs Andrews Visited Richard Walton's Birthday Party In December.

Mrs. Catherine Andrews, a teacher in the Green Team at McCarver School, died July 18th of injuries received in an automobile accident.

At McCarver, Mrs. Andrews (Kate) always had time to listen to children's problems and to offer them help, understanding and affection. Her cheerful smile, warm personality and always ready to help attitude andeared Kate to all those who knew her. To Mrs. Andrews, every child was a very special person in whom she saw tremendous potential. She worked happily and tirelessly to develop every child's talents to the fullest extent.

A "Catherine Andrews Memorial Fund for Needy Children" has been started atMcCarver School. George R. Durham, Asst. Principal, Mrs. Leif Klippen and Mrs. Kenneth Hotsko, teachers in the Greem Team at McCarver, have been selected to administer the fund. Contributions may be sent to - The Catherine Andrews Memorial Fund for Needy Children - McCarver School, 2111 So. J St. Tacoma, Wash., 98405.

Board Charges Tacoma Police With Maltreatment Of Indians

Meeting in Bremerton Thursday, the State Board Against Discrimination directed its staff to lodge complaints against the Tacoma Police Department and the Pierce County Sheriff's Department for what the Board says is "maltreatment of American Indians in the Tacoma Area."

Alfred E. Cowles, the Board's executive secretary, said that if necessary the Board would go to Superior Court. He preferred however to attempt conciliation between the police and the Indians.

The Board's action came after a number of Indians and non-Indian civil rights workers cited cases of alleged police harrassment, interference and brutality. Dr. Tim Hansen, assistant professor of English at the University of Puget Sound, testified he saw a young Indian beging beaten with clubs by Tacoma police on the banks of the Puyallup last September. The police used vile language indicating they did not believe Indians are truly human, according to Dr. Hansen.

Meanwhile, Tacoma Police Chief Lyle Smith said that no complaints of police mistreatment of Indians have been lodged with his department. He said he was prepared to co-operate with any "bona fide" (good faith) investigation of the matter.

Sheriff Carl Petersen commented that the Board's charges are just "bad beef."

Banks scored for role in creating ghetto ills

WASHINGTON (UPI) The nation's banks helped cause ghetto problems of crime, decay and segregation by refusing to loan money for projects in the inner cities, a member of the Federal Reserve Board said Sunday.

"Our major cities are tottering on the brink of breakdown and bankruptcy," said Sherman J. Maisel. "I think there is a valid question whether a better-considered lending policy would have been a sounder policy, not only for our cities, but for banks and banking as an institution."

Maisel, one of the seven members of the nation's most important bank regulatory board, said banks and the entire business community must soon face up to their social responsibilities.

"Business lives and breathes in society, does its business both with and for society, and cannot, in the long run, be healthier than society," Maisel said in a speech prepared for the Nebraska-Council Bluffs Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews meeting in Omaha, Neb. The text was made public here by the Federal Reserve Board.

"I think that good profitability analysis must lead to the conclusion that business should be directly involved in such problems as the improvement of our inner cities," he said.

Maisel said many banks have been reluctant to loan money to black-owned businesses because the rules of thumb usually governing loans are keyed to white ownership.

"This type of analysis plus oversimplified sociolo-

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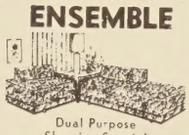

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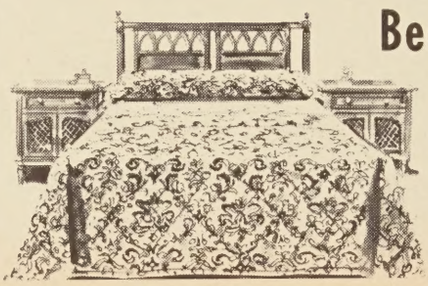

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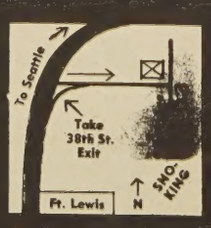

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And They're Off! Candidates Flock To Register For Elections

Official registration for candidates in the forthcoming fall elections came to a close Friday and after the smoke cleared it became apparent that the elections would be spirited, with contests for every post open, from the mayor's office (three candidates), the seven seats (out of 8) on the City Council (a grand total of 28 aspirants), the Civil Service Board (three), the Port Commission (two positions, seven candidates), and the School District (one position , 4 candidates.)

Following is a listing of alphebetical order of the candidates:

MAYOR:
Fred Dean, 619 N. K St.:
Gordon N. Johnston, 4001 S. 14th;
Ronald R. Pretti, 1434 N. Highland.

CITY COUNCIL #1:
Al. A. Bradley, 4709 N. 41st;
Robert W. Evans, 2218 N. Union Ave.;
Eddie C. Karnes, 1120 N.E. St.;
George M. Nalley, 4011 N. Frace St.

CITY COUNCIL # 2:
A. J. Herrmann, 4520 N. Verde St.;
Tim Strege, 877 S. 88 St.

CITY COUNCIL # 3:
Ted Amell, 422 Tacoma Ave. S.;
Brent L. Beckstead, 4305 N. 42nd;
Jack Gamble, 6826 S. M St.;
Harold G. Moss, 1270 Huson Drive;
Wallace Walker Sr., 1524 Tacoma Ave. S.

CITY COUNCIL # 4:
Gerry Bott, 762 S. 70th St.;
Marvin Kaye, 5207 N. 10th St.;
Phil Schroeder, 1524 Fairview Dr.;
Thomas F. Wells, 841 E. 48th.

CITY COUNCIL # 5:
Al L. Bradley, 1503 S. 11th St.;
Walter E. Currah Jr., 4401 S. 64th.;
Catherine Egan, 7606 S. I;
George Goe, 414 N. Yakima Ave.

CITY COUNCIL # 6:
Terry Conner, 6821 N. 18th.;
Dick Sonntag, 3010 N. 14th.;
Joe D. Starling, 2026 S. 18th;
Robert A. Zink, 1206½ S. 7th.

CITY COUNCIL # 7:
Gerald T. Maule, 3803 N. Monroe;
Nels Nelson, 2216 N. Puget Sound;
William J. Russell, 3616 S. K St.;
Earl R. Uthus, 6911 N. 24th;
John P. Zelenak, 5414 S. J St.

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:
Fred L. Crisman, 928 N. Grant;
Warner C. Matson, 3612 N. 27th St.;
Harold E. Nielsen, 2909 N. McCarver St.

PORT COMMISSION -- DISTRICT 2:
Robert W. Copeland, 1220 N. 5th;
Walter R. Cotten, 402 S. 160th St.;
Don McGavick, 6819 Pacific Ave.;
Harry T. Nordlund, 1202 No. 8th.

PORT COMMISSION--DISTRICT 3:
Gene Alvord, 8642-C Onyx Dr SW;
Frank Collinge, 1033 Berkeley St., Fircrest;
Richard Dale Smith, 1575 Seashore Dr.

TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT 10--POSITION # 1:
Ronald G. Hale, 7835 Pacific Ave.;
Harold (Hal) Holmberg, 6515 S. L St.;
Mrs. Ralph (Cathy) Pearsall, 2604 S. 76th;
David R. Tuell, Jr., 1013 Laurel Court.

Unemployed Workers Meet

The recently-formed Unemployed Workers' Association (UAW) held its second meeting Thursday, chaired by its newly-elected chairwoman, Mrs. Orwilie Walker.

About fifty members were present at the Tacoma Community House, 1311 South M St. to discuss a proposed constitution and bylaws for the new group. After some debate on dues ($5 per month for working members, $2.50 for the unemployed), the constitution and bylaws were adopted.

Officers of the UAW explained that dues were needed to enable the organization to attain its goals. A supplementary fund-raising activity is planned in the near future consisting in a fashion show to be held in the Purdy auditorium.

Besides Mrs. Walker, other elected officers are John Abernathy (vice-chairman), Miss Jean Jackson (secretary), Miss Corzettee Bradley (assistant secretary), and Mrs. Virginia Hankins (treasurer).

News from Sears

A perfect fit for the larger man is found in contemporary shirts and ties from Sears new Men's Apparel Catalog of Big and Tall Sizes. Rufus Mayes, offensive lineman for the Cincinnati Bengals, wears a monochromatic-stripe dress shirt with long-point collar and double-button cuffs, priced at about $8.00. Ties are longer, too, in now-look patterns such as this textured geometric style, priced at $5.00. Merchandise is available in Sears Men's Apparel Catalog of Big and Tall Sizes.

Let The Facts Speak

Politics!

'Tacoma Style'

The political season is upon us; the candidates have declared themselves and are off running. We were happy to notice that no post is going uncontested: in a democracy, the give-and-take of a spirited race is the best assurance the voters can have to come to an intelligent and rational choice.

A few people, however, do not see it that way. For them an election is a time to brin g out rumors, lies, and smears. As ugly, it is a chance to kindle the flames of racial distrust.

We have some of these people here in Tacoma, and they are beginning to crawl out of the woodwork.

They are the embittered, the twisted, the really up-tight. They are the first to scream, "America, love it or leave." They are the last to do either.

We at the TACOMA FACTS do not plan to give these types any of the publicity they so ardently crave.

We will simply note that already we have received reports of 8½ by 11 in. "smear-sheets" being surreptitiously distributed.

And we note, too, that one candidate for City Council position no. 6 has even been maligned (if that is the word) as a "nigger-lover" on the air on a local radio station.

We are not surprised that the station in question is presently in the process of having its license revoked for its on-air racism.

We are waiting for the reactions and comments of the other candidates for position no. 6 on this sort of politics.

Meanwhile, however, we know a secret that is pure political dynamite, and that is that the majority of Tacoma voters get sick to their stomachs when they come across such racism.

That's right, baby. The majority.

So come on with the smears, and the lies, and the frauds. We'll publish them here at THE FACTS as they come in, and we'll let the voters of Tacoma decide.

Still, we feel just a touch of pity for that little, diminishing band of Tacoma racists.

It must be so lonely and frustrating to be so ineffective. Always ready to help, we at the FACTS have contacted Trans World Airlines in Seattle. Seems there are regular flights (with a stop-over in London) from Sea-Tac to Johannesburg, South Africa.

It's not cheap ($1,005.00) but we are prepared to buy you a ticket (one-way, of course.)

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--John Evans

2 NNPA Leaders Meet With Caucus

THE NEW PRESIDENT of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, Garth C. Reeves, right, Miami Times, and Board Member John H. Murphy III, left, Afro-American Newspapers, met recently in Washington with three members of the Congressional Black Caucus. They are: Congressmen Louis Stokes, second from left; Augustus F. Hawkins, center, and William Clay, second from right. The publishers and the caucus discussed ways by which the two bodies may work closely together to help improve the lot of black Americans.

POLITICAL NOTES:

Bob White, president of the CITIZENS' POLITICAL INTEREST CLUB would like to thank all those who turned out for the voters registration dance. Also he would like to thank the registers for there time to register the 18 year olds.

Bob said that there were about 50 people registered to vote in twonights. The most of those registered, are between the ages of 18 and 20.

Bob White congradulated the young people who registered to vote and he also told them don't just register now and forget to vote later, but to become a part of every major government.

He said that this is the only way that you will ever be recognized as first class citizens' and he called the two night affair a success.

POLITICAL NOTES:

The CITIZENS' POLITICAL INTEREST CLUB popularity poll shows that Mayor Gordon Johnston is leading by 51% to retain the seat as Mayor of the City of Tacoma.

The poll shows Mayor Johnston with 51%, Ron Pretti with 45%, and 4% said that they would not vote for either one of them.

The recent survey of young voters shows that 63% of them feel that the City of Tacoma is not doing enough to solve the problems of Unemployment, to feed the poor and to attract new industries into the area.

63% of them feel that there should be more done in those areas.

Watch next week for the results of the councilman races.

COMMENTS!

To those who have given so much too often we teen to forget that freedom isn't free. It wasn't free back in 1776 and our American way of life didn't just happen. It wasn't free in 1812. It wasn't free back in 1914 or 1941 either. And it isn't free today! American Black, Yellow, Brown, Pal, or White fighting men have had to bleed and die to preserve and protect our American way of life. Maybe its time we all did a little flag waving and remember the sacrifice made by so many to keep it for us to wave. We all should take a stake in this AMVETS, and all AMVETS. And rededicate ourselves to those principals set-forth by our founding fathers when they formed the constitution giving us the greatest form of government the world has even seen and lets back our military men with guts and determenation's they deserve.

Roger O. Laskey
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House My People!

House My People, a local mutual Self-Help housing organization for Pierce County families unable to obtain conventional, 235 or 502 loans are organizing groups to build their own homes.

The organization is non-ethnically oriented and is funded by Farmers Home Administration, a division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Farmers Home Administrationissued a grant of $178,000.00 to House My People in technical assistance funds over a two year period with the goal of 100 families building their own homes.

House My People feels its role of developing Self-Help to alleviate the Physical conditions of poverty in our area, but also will serve to bring more fellowship among the communities involved.

The attitudes of pride in building their own homes and group association achieved through our organization are limitless. The education and training received through the House My People Program is of great value to the families after they have completed their homes. Many participants form life-long friendships with other participants and staff.

Guidelines on those eligible to apply:
(1) Applicant must either livein or desire to live in an area (5500 or less) of Pierce County.
(2) Applicant must be in such a financial position that under his present economic state he would not be able to buy a home through Rural Economic Opportunity or through a conventional loan.

A reasonable guideline would be an income of no more than $5500 for a family of 5. If the family is larger, the maximum income bracket is also proportunately higher. Farmers Home Administration, however, sets no concrete economic guidelines for their loan applicants since many financial aspects of the family are taken into consideration. We encourage all families who need low-cost housing and are willing to build their own homes to contact House My People by writing P. O. Box 219 Summer, Washington, 98390, or telephoning 863-8810 or 863-8800.

People on Public Assistance are considered to have a steady income and therefore will qualify for the program in most cases.

As of July 1, 1971, House My People has four groups organized. The first group formed has their foundations poured and the walls up on their homes in the Bonney Lake area. They plan to have their homes completed by Thanksgiving, 1971. The other three groups, one with 5 families from Orting, another one with 5 families from Bonney Lake and a third group of 10, three of which are building in the City of Sumner, and four of which are building in Cascade Terrace. They will begin building next week. The House My People staff would welcome the opportunity to show anyone interested the houses that are now being constructed. To set up an appointment to see the homes, call House My People.

BOY'S CLUB NEWS by Henry Rivers

Shown above are the Downtown Tacoma Boy's Club SOUL CONTROL Band which will be one of the many acts to be featured Friday, August 6, at the Amvets Hall at the "SOUL EXPLOISION" Breakfast Dance.

The main attraction will be Black and White Affair. Also on hand will be the Wooten Singing and Dance Group, plus Jonah's Whale Northwest R&B, Rock & Soul Band.

The dance will begin at 10:30 p.m. until. Advance donation is $2.50, at the door $3.00.

BACK TO SCHOOL DANCE

The downtown Tacoma Boy's Club Parent's Club will be sponsoring their back to school dance Friday, August 27.

The music will be provided by the Vibrating Sounds of Ball and Chain. The half time music will be provided by the TBC SOUL CONTROL Band. There will also be another dance contest.

There will be no tickets sold in advance. All donations for a $1.00 will be at the door.

KIWANIS SPONSORS GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Kiwanis is putting on their Ninth Hole In One Tournament. It will start July 31 and continue through August 8. With the proceeds going to the Boy's Club of Tacoma and Pierce County.

Members of the Downtown Tacoma Boy's will be working at the Tournament August 5 through August 7, to make this tournament a success, the tournament is being held at Meadow Park Golf Course.

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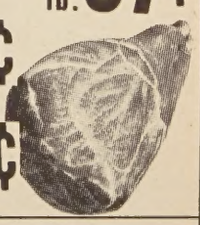

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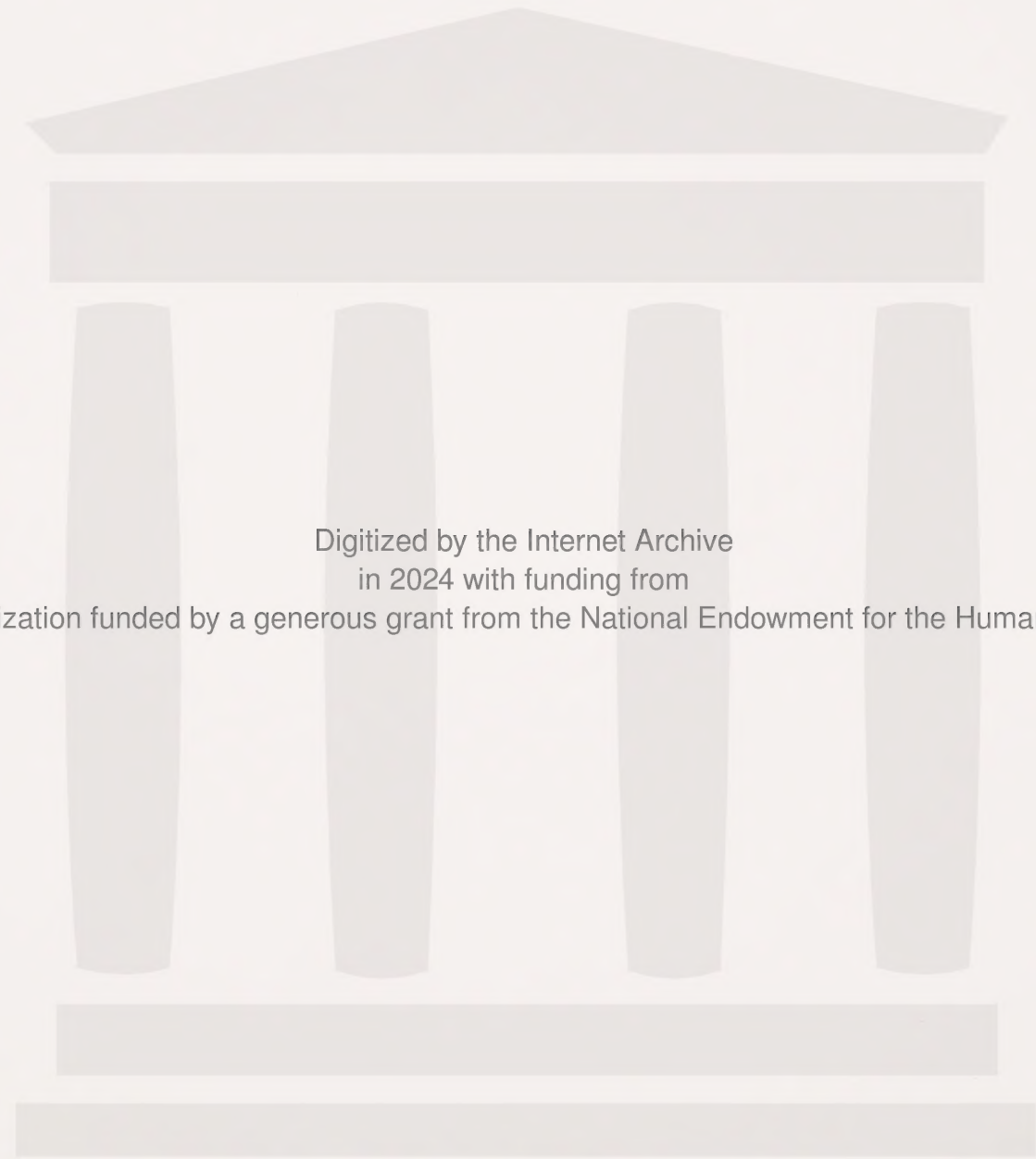

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The Saturday Morning Brunch Club held its 2nd Birthday Calender Tea, Sunday, August 1, 1971, from 2 until 5 p.m., at the City Association Colored Women Clubhouse.

The tables were beautifully decorated for each month of the year. Most of the center pieces were compliments of "Jody's Floral Arts & Crafts."

Mrs. Raynola Blackshear was M.C. for the afternoon, and as always she did a beautiful job. A very good and entertaing program was presented. The Theme for the program was "The Great Creation of our Birth." A beautiful reading "Creation" was done by Mrs. Thelma Magee, solo's by Mr. E. McAuly and Mr. Richard Ferguson, Duets by the Ferguson sisters, Diane and Doreen, instrumental soloby Miss Sharlene Danielsand Origional Poems created and read by Miss Marie Thompson.

Mr. Nathaniel Patterson Jr. was the guest pianist for the afternoon. The guest speaker was Mrs. Robert H. Davis, of Bethlehem Baptist Church. She very eloquently spoke of the theme - "The great Creation of Our Birth."

Highlights of the clubs history was given by Mrs. Viola Norwood, the founder of the club. One hundred dollars was presented to Mrs. Birdie Edwards from the Brunch Club for the Colored Women's Club House.

The tea was well attended and enjoyed by guest from Seattle and Tacoma. The Officers of the Brunch Club are: Mmes. Juanita Daniels President; Major Rutherford, Vice President; Viola Norwood-Recording Secretary and Program Chairman; Raynola Blackshear, Treasurer, Lizzie Green, Chaplin. The members are Esther Antoine, Addie Brown, Octovia Charles, Carrie Freeman, Pearl McClain, Theresa Morgan, Annie P. Brown, Neala Patterson, Theresa Rice, Finky Smith, Bessie Strickland, Fannie Turner, Myrtle Ury, and Katie Williams.

These magnificent and energetic ladies, are very grateful to the public for making their second tea a tremendous success.

.....LAWN COCKTAIL PARTY .....

The beautiful and spacious lawn of Robert and Katherine Ragland was the scene of a lovely and exciting lawn party, on Sunday afternoon for their guest - members and former members of the Unique Social Club and their guest.

The Raglands guest enjoyed a surperb buffet luncheon, cocktails and beautiful reminiscent conversation with each other. Kay Ragland was the usual gracious hostess as we all know her to be. Thanks Kay, you are "TOPS". (From the SE's).

.....WELCOME VISITORS ... .

Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Richardson welcomed their son and daughters to their home and to Tacoma during the week. Visiting with the Richardsons is their daughter, Mrs. Sharon Kay Thipten from Boston, Mass. Also included in the reunion is their son who is in the U.S. Navy, Mr. Thelford Jenkins from USS Camden, Long Beach, California, and their daughter Miss Addadell Richardson from Bellevue, Washington.....
Mr. and Mrs. Luther Brown Sr. and family were happy to have relatives visit them from Montgomery, Alabama. Mrs. Thelma Nichols is a fifth grade teacher and Mrs. Tommie McQueen is a fourth grade teacher in the public schools of Montgomery, Alabama.

Pvt. Calvin Vinson of Chicago, Illinoise, who is a friend and former neighbor of the Luther Browns of Tacoma when they were Alabamian, has been assigned to the Fort Lewis Army Post for his A.I.T.

Pvt. Vinson will be celebrating another birthday this month. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CALVIN.

"Are You Lonely" Looms As Smash So Do The Sisters Love

After three years of working hard to be he ard, the Sisters Love, A&M Recording artists, are finally climbing to the heights where practically everyone who has seen them perform felt they should be. And their new hit single, "Are You Lonely," produced by recording star Gene Chandler, may prove to be a major catalyst in the group's rise to prominence.

Although their experience ranges from opera to choir singing in the church to groups like the Raelets and the Ikettes, the Sisters Love are definitely into their own thing. In fact, they got together out of a mutual desire to be independent of other vocal groups and define a sound they could develop.

Vermettya Royster is the lead singer on the recording dates, though all the girls take a turn at the lead on stage. She attended Florida A&M University and has been singing professionally for a number of years in both operatic and gospel surroundings.

Gwendolyn Berry, an original member of the Sisters, helped to form the feminine quartet from girls out of the Raelets. Lillie Fort, like the other girls, started singing in church and adds balance and counterpoint to the group's sound. Jeannie Long auditioned for the Sisters when a former member dropped out. Her low-keyed voice adds depth to the foundation of the group.

At a recent soul food press party for the Sisters on the A&M Sound Stage, which was packed to overflowing, the group, in a well polished choreographed program, showed its wares, and received a standing ovation for its efforts.

But that happens everywhere the Sisters Love perform, from Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas to PJ's in Hollywood to other major spots around the country.

Soul on T.V.

THE SOUNDS are light and gay when "THE FIFTH DIMENSION TRAVELING SUNSHINE SHOW" comes to the ABC Television Network Wednesday, Aug. 18, 8:30-9:30 p.m. on KOMO-TV, Channel 4. Featured in an elaborate production number of "Joy To The World" is (center) Florence Larue Gordon. The other members of the troupe are (clockwise) Billy Davis, Jr.; Lamonte McLemore, Ron Townson and Marilyn McCoo. Starring with the Fifth Dimension are Dionne Warwicke, The Carpenters and Merle Haggard.

Minority Report

By James E. Alsbrook, Ph.D.
Director
Publications and Public Relations
Central State University
Wilberforce, Ohio

"BLACK ENGLISH" A SLOPPY TERM SLANDERING ALL BLACKS

Black people in recent months have been discrediting themselves by falling into one of the oldest and most dangerous of traps. They are accepting terminology suggesting that the behavior of some blacks is typical of the whole group. The offending terminology is so-called "Black" English.

A class in "Black English" has been set up at Brooklyn College with a Ford Foundation grant, a Missouri University professor has claimed seriously that "Black English" is a separate language instead of a dialect, numerous language-oriented groups have studied the nature and meaning of "Black English," and the Western Electric Company has produced a new record "to help bridge the language barrier between black and white Americans."

The term, "Black English," really is intended to denote the language spoken by some less-educated black people living in rural and urban enclaves and segregated so effectively that their speech patterns have become a closed-culture lingo--a dialect derived from American English.

But in order to get this questionable expression into proper perspective, we must recall that the term "Black," when applied to people with African-like skin coloring and hair texture, is acceptable because it then indicates the INHERENT AND PERMANENT PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS that invariably identify all members of a biological group.

LANGUAGE NOT BIOLOGICAL

Niether English nor any other vocal expression, however, is a biological characteristic. Accents change with hearing and environment. Many Africans blacker than black Americans speak English with a British accent. Black people in the Caribbean area speak English with Spanish or French accents. "Black" when coupled with "English," therefore, cannot reasonably denote that the use of so-called "Black English" language is a racially or biologically controlled characteristic of all blacks.

Instead, what is called "Black English" really is a cultivated or learned lingo characterizing SOME blacks and other non-blacks who associate with them.

This simple distinction is significant, for the failure to distinguish between (a) racial features and (b) learned behavior provided the basis upon which yesterday's slaveholders and today's racists could argue that black people were inferior.

They argued that black people were ignorant and then produced ignorant blacks to prove their point. But they neglected to indicate that these black people were ignorant not because they were black but because they had not been allowed to gain knowledge enabling them to behave differently.

INHERITED VS. ACQUIRED

The racists deliberately confused the significance of INHERITED racial characteristics such as skin color and hair texture with the significance of ACQUIRED behavior characteristics such as education, life style, and speech. The generalities resulting from this confusion led to sterotyping and to the acceptance of Stepin Fetchit and Amos and Andy types as valid representatives of most black people.

Why did linguists and other observers neglect to make noise about "Italian-English," "Jewish-English," "German-English," or the faulty English of other ethnic groups being integrated into American society? What about country and western English or the English or poor whites? Should poor white folks' English be called "White English"?

Perhaps a better term for so-called "Black English" would be "ghetto talk."

The term, "Black English," is objectionable because (1) most black people over the world do not speak it, because (2) it does not represent the highest level of potential language development on the part of those who speak it and because (3) it reinforces the arguments of those who would confuse inherited racial ancestry with acquired and changeable behavioral characteristics.

Owens Out, Search Still On For Temptations Lead Tenor

DETROIT, MICH., - The nation-wide search by Motown's world-famous Temptations for a singer to replace lead tenor Eddie Kendricks has resumed with the departure of Ricky Owens former lead singer of the Vibrations, who had been selected from among 300 applicants.

Introduced two weeks ago at an appearance by the Temptations at the Los Angeles Forum, Owens had performed with the male vocal group on a probationary basis following a break-in appearance with the Temps at the Twin Coaches Supper Club, East Stanton, Pa.

Following the Los Angeles performance and a subsequent performance at the Carter Barron Theatre, in Washington, D.C., the group decided the search should continue when Owens' probationary period ended.

Richard Street, who has been substituting for the ailing Paul Williams during the Carter Barron appearance, will continue singing with the group when Paul rejoins the Temptations this month, temporarily filling the vacancy left by Owens while the group continues its search for a new lead tenor.

RICKY OWENS

'SATCH' MAKES HALL OF FAME

Old Satchel finally made it. And he's got a handful of brothers for company.

The Baseball Hall of Fame this week got off its "separate but equal" kick and decided to admit Leroy "Satchel" Paige, the hesitation-pitch star of the Black baseball leagues, into its regular section at Cooperstown, N.Y.

Other Black stars of th pre-1947 era also will be admitted into the main Hall of Fame rather than in a separate section. The decision was made by Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn and Paul Kerry, president of the Hall of Fame.

Earlier this year, the Hall announced that a separate area of its museum would be set aside for players of the old Black leagues. Paige--a legend and hard to ignore--was the first player so honored.

When it was announced that he would be placed in a separate area, there was a huge wave of criticism. Paige said he wasn't upset. "I don't feel segregated," the thin right-hander said.

Contacted by a wire service following the rule change, he commented: "I guess they finally found out I was really worthy. I appreciate it to the highest."

The old-timer, who made it to the big leagues in the twilight of his career, pointed out: "You're supposed to be in the majors 10 years to get into the Hall of Fame. I barnstormed with the top players in the American and National leagues. I guess they're putting that together with five years in the majors. That would make it 25 or 30 years."

Paige will be officially inducted into the Hall of Fame August 9.

TACOMA MODEL CITIES
JOB ANNOUCEMENTS

LAW & JUSTICE PLANNER

This is professional work in the field of planning improvements related to the law & justice programs.

Applicants should have knowledge of the goals and objectives of Model Cities Law & Justice programs. Ability to (1) think logically and objectively (2) develop imaginative and innovative solutions to non-conventional problem situations (3) plan and direct efforts of others and (4) communicate clearly and concisely on both professional and non-professional levels.

Requires graduation from a four-year college or university with a specialization in Sociology or Police Science or other closely related areas; some experience of an administrative nature in a C.D.A. related program; or any equivalent combination of experience and training.

STARTING SALARY: $835.00 per month.

NO APPLICATIONS accepted after August 9th.

Apply Model Cities office, 2nd floor Professional Bldg., 705 So. 9th.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

The Assistant Director for Research and Evaluation will be generally responsible for the day to day operation, maintenance, development, and evaluation of a federally funded program providing educational services to adults in the model neighborhood area.

A master's Degree in education or planning and administration is desired OR a Bachelor's Degree plus SUBSTANTIAL work experience in education, adult basic education or related services.

SALARY: $10,500 to $12,000 depending on background and qualifications.

INTERESTED PERSONS SHOULD CONTACT MR. GERLAD A. VAUGHN, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, TACOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Lo 4-7200, Ext. 631

Resumes needed. Will accept resumes until August 13, 1971.

INSTRUCTOR - ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

The instructor in this program will be responsible for the development and instruction of an adult basic education curricula for low income educationally deficient adults.

A Masters Degree with substantial background in English, Mathematics, Reading Skills, or Composition is desired, OR a Bachelors Degree plus SUBSTANTIAL work experience in adult basic education.

SALARY: $8,000 to $10,000 depending on background and qualifications.

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SEATTLE
CHICANO BASEBALL/WEST COAST PROD.

The El Chicano semi-pro baseball team will be playing the Washington All-Stars, at Sick's Stadium, August 7, 1971. Game time starts at 10:00 a.m.

There will be a double header game between the two teams. Half time entertainment will be by "Mr. Funky Chicken" himself, "Rufus Thomas". Listen to Rufus sing his latest hig "Breakdown Part One".

Other entertainment will be by two popular local groups; "The Black on White Affair" and "Cookin' Bag".

The El Chicano are the leading Mexican-American League with a 7-1 record. Paced by the hitting of Dave Zauhar and pitching of Dennis Evans. The Washington All-Stars are lead by the coaching of Ozzie Williams.

Tickets will be sold at the door, August 7th. beginning at 9:30 a.m.

HEADING UP THE LAKERS — Jack K. Cooke (C), Los Angeles Lakers owner, was all smiles as he posed with his new coach, Bill Sharman (R), and his assistant coach, K. C. Jones, at the Forum in Englewood, Calif. Sharman comes to the Lakers from the Salt Lake City Stars of the ABA and replaces Joe Mullaney who was fired earlier this year. Jones is a former cage star with Boston Celtics. (UPI Telephoto).

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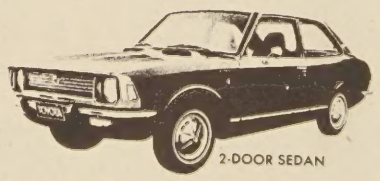
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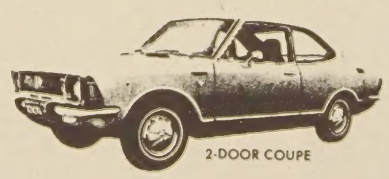
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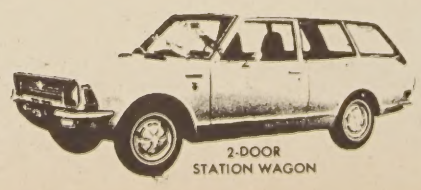
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Should you feel discriminated against because of race, religion or national origin, contact your Commission immediately, 705 South 9th Street, Phone - 593 - 4334. There you will be assisted by trained staff. If your interview indicates a possibility of discrimination, a confidential investigation will be undertaken to establish all the facts. Every effort will then be made to settle your case.

Your case may have one of several conclusions. The Commission may decide that discrimination has probably taken place and it may be able to effect a satisfactory settlement. If the facts warrant, the conclusion may be reached that you have been mistaken and no discrimination took place. Even if this is the case, it may be possible to work out a satisfactory settlement. Again, the investigation may dispose that the Commission does not have jurisdiction. You will then be referred to the appropriate federal or state agency. If it is learned that discrimination probably did take place but that a voluntary settlement may not be reached, a committee of Commissioners may be appointed to conduct a confidential, private hearing. At this hearing, a further attempt at conciliation will be made. Up to this time, your case and all the details surrounding it will be held in strictest confidence. If this approach fails, and if discrimination still seems likely, the Commission will call a public hearing. Public hearings will be held in conjunction with the City Legal Department to insure orderly and equitable treatment of all concerned.

Human Relations Commission
705 South 9th Street
Tacoma, Wash.
Phone: 593-4331

AS I SEE IT by Hal Moss

The more I am able to visit other communities, talk with other people, see other programs dealing with minority people, the more I am sure that Tacoma's progress in Minority Development is no accident. I was in Detroit from July 21st through 25th for a Labor Education Advancement Program Conference, (LEAP). During the conference, we discussed problems as we are having using the Outreach approach to minority employment in the Construction and Building Trades. No one has had a bed of roses, but in two years we, the Labor Education Advancement Programs, have collectively placed 3606 apprentices into the Building and Construction Trades. Out of this figure, 62 minority persons have entered the trades through the Tacoma Outreach Project. They have been placed in the Operating Engineers, Painter, Carpenters, Cement Masons, Lathers, Roofers, Floor Coverers, Drywall and Pipe Trades.

In communities where there are some communications between labor, management and the minority people, there is progress steadily being made. The dramatic type of progress, which we all want to have happen will happen in direct line with our ability as a community to keep our relations together. The days when one minority organization could only feel that it was making progress, was when it was knocking the work and programs of another minority organization, have go to be over.

Think of how much more effective the efforts of minority people and organizations are when they worked together.

The Tacoma Urban League's Outreach Program is concerned with the construction industry and work for all ethnic groups. We welcome your comments and your involvement with us to make job oppotunities more readily available to minority construction workers.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
WHAT'S HAPPENING ,WHEN,AND WHERE OBI PROPOSALS

Thursday, August 5:
Unemployed Workers' Association meets, 7:30 p.m. Tacoma Community House, 1311 So. M. St.

Friday, August 6:
Discussion: Constitutional Rights of G.I.'s, with Dr. Leroy Annis. Court C Coffeehouse.
Film Classics: "Dracula," "Phantom of the Opera," and "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari," Image Theatre, Pearl St. (thru Sun.)

Saturday, August 7:
Discussion: Meher Baba, Indian Mystic, Court C Coffeehouse.

Sunday, August 8:
Discussion: "The Jesus Army." Court C Coffeehouse.

Tuesday, August 10:
Play: The Drunkard, PLU Drama Workshop, 8:00 p.m., Court C Coffeehouse, 50¢.

Wednesday, August 11:
Southwest Washington Painting & Sculpture Exhibition, preview 7-10 p.m., Tacoma Art Museum, Pacific Ave.
Welfare Rights Action Council (WRAC) meets 10 a.m., Tacoma Community House, 1311 So. M. St.
Upendo Na Maendeleo meets 8:00 p.m., 8:20, Jackie Blake, UPS Music Major, City Assoc. Club House, 2316 So. Yakima.

Continuing:
Tacoma Public Library: Handforth Gallery: Paintings by Scott Palnode. 9-9 Mon-Fri; 9-6 Sat.
University of Puget Sound, Kittredge Gallery: Drawings and Paintings by young children. 9-5 Mon-Fri; 1-4 Sun.

Note: Club, committee, and community announcements can be included free of charge in this Calendar. Send all announcements to the Tacoma Facts, 1325 So. K, or phone Ma 7-5597 before 5:00 p.m., Tuesday.

The OBI SOCIETY of Tacoma Community College was created to reform and build a new system of justice and freedom in America. For four hundred years, the white man has exploited the Black man for his color, music, culture and ideas to such an extent that the Black man himself thought he was subhuman. Afro-American history and culture has been stolen, lost or drowned out by the white racist America to where the Black man was shamed or did not know that he had a history of culture. We of the OBI SOCIETY are here to establish a new system with our white counterparts and to reform the old system completely, or the old system will dominate us forever. In order for our goals to be effective, we of the OBI SOCIETY feel that it is necessary for Tacoma Community College to:

(1) Begin an immediate establishment of accredited Black culture subjects to the curriculum.

(2) Begin vigorous recruitment of Black advisors and instructors.

(3) Provide financial aid to underprivileged Black students.

(4) Provide finance for recruitment of Black students.

(5) Eliminate the reflection of systematic exclusion in hiring of service personnel. We request the hiring of at least six maintenance personnel.

(6) Present all Black persons that are considered for hiring at Tacoma Community College for approval to the OBI SOCIETY.

(7) Provide the OBI SOCIETY with the necessary office space that we may need in order for us to carry out our enormous task on this campus.

Prime Minister: Bobby Frazier; Vice Prime Minister, Open; Minister of Information, Rosanna Mack; Minister of Finance, Wiley Woods; Minister of Defense, Willie Watkins and Richard Mason.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS
TACOMA MODEL CITIES PROGRAM YOUTH OUTREACH PROJECT

PROJECT DIRECTOR:

SALARY - $916.67

The Project Director is responsible for the implementation of the project and shall be the person to whom all staff employees are directly responsible.

At least two years experience in a Law and Justice related program; graduation from a four year college or university with a specialization in sociology or political science or closely related areas; or any equivalent combination of experience and training.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZER:

SALARY - $750.00

The person filling this position will supervise the resident advocates. He will be responsible for the development of youth placement facilities such as foster homes and small group homes. He will also be responsible for the development of community organizations pertaining to law enforcement matters and also should be the major writer of new programs that will be designed to further advance the purposes of the Youth Guidance Center.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANT:

SALARY - $750.00

This person will establish contact and consult with police and court personnel about Model Neighborhood Youth. He must be well versed in the needs and resources of the community youth so that he can provide alternatives to the commitment of them.

RESIDENT ADVOCATES: (6)

SALARY - $500.00

These staff members will be the outreach staff who will work on the street and in the community giving counseling and providing referral services to delinquent youth.

Some experience in working with and relating to residents with varying economic and social backgrounds; graduation from an accredited high school; or any equivalent combination of experience and training.

SECRETARY:

SALARY - $458.33

This person will handle all secretarial and reception duties in the Center and supervise a clerk-typist.

APPLY: MODEL CITIES OFFICE - 705 South 9th - TACOMA WASHINGTON 98402
RESUME REQUIRED. WILL ACCEPT APPLICATION UNTIL AUG. 20, 1971

TACOMANS FLOCKED to the Parks in record humbers as pleasant weather replaced last week's hot spell.

WAR SCORES AT UA CONCERT–WAR performs before sell-out crowd at the Hollywood Bowl in United AArtists Records' 99-cents concert. Group received several standing ovations during performance.

WAR, Bobby Womack In Bowl Concert

United Artists Records, in an unprecedented move by a major record company, presented a highly spirited and very festive all-star concert featuring UA arts, before an overflowing throng of 18,000 recently at the Hollywood Bowl.

But what made this program different, however, than any other, beside the fact that a record corporation sponsored the event was that every seat in the house was unreserved and sold for 99 cents apiece. A souvenir program went for an additional penny.

And, more important, the concert may have been the start of a series of similar efforts as other sites across the country and around the world are being strongly considered as future locations.

The scheduled appearance of WAR, the seven-piece soulful aggregation with depth in variety deeper than an bottomless pit, proved to be one of the highlights of the evening.

The festival atmosphere of people sharing food and drink, while tossing frizbees in the air to one another, apparently strengthened WAR's performance as its section of the show progressed. This was the first major performance by the group before a hometown audience. The show also came prior to the release of WAR's new single, "Get Down" and "All Day Music."

Sugarloaf, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, and Canned Heat, who headlined the bill as well, each performed before the finale of the night, an all-out jam session. Involved were members of the groups previously on stage, and other UA surprises, including Spencer Davis, Pete Jameson, Jamene, and Bobby Womack. Womack also has a new single due on UA called "Communication."

The event, in total, turned out to be just a good ol' rock 'n roll party. All groups played without pay because they wanted to put on the show for the kids who buy the records. The crowds, in turn, responded with numerous standing ovations and cries for "more."

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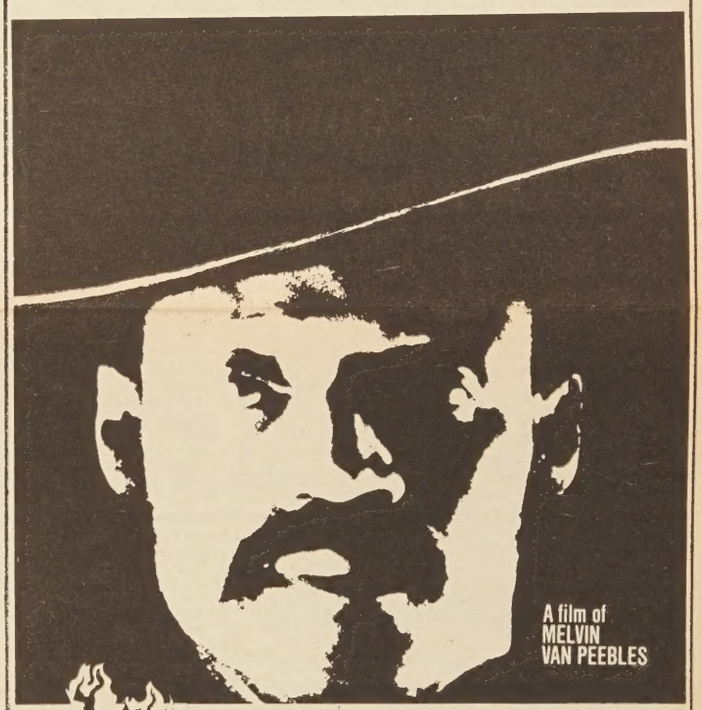

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HOW GYPSTERS PREY ON THE YOUNG

Last week we saw, in the classic "pigeon drop," how swindlers can rob the elderly of their retirement savings. This week we switch to the other end of the age spectrum to see how they steal from the young who, because of their inexperience with business and law, are too often very easy victims.

Like, for instance, the college co-ed who impulsively made out a check for $10 to a roving salesman for a "computer dating service." The chech (which fore her name and address) was promptly cashed, but she never heard from the dating service.

Instead, in a few weeks, she began receiving unsolicited merchandise -- shoddy dress apparel, cheap costume jewelry, movie magazines--- accompanied with bills demanding immediate payment.

These swindlers literally bank on the fact that many teenagers will (and do) feel obligated to make payments for such merchandise when "official looking" collection notices start coming in. But if the merchandise is unsolicited and is not used, there is no legal obligation whatsoever. Best policy; report purveyors of unsolicited goods to the police and the Better Business Bureau and send the articles back marked "refused," (at the swindlers' expense, not yours.)

Be wary of ads for "modeling schools.." Girls sometimes follw them up and are called in for a picture taking session. Somehow, all girls who apply "pass," even the acne-ravaged two hundred ponder. There is a $50 or so "fee" for "photography and counselling" and promises to "circulate" the girl's photos among modeling circles. Of course, that never happens, and the girls never see their "counsellors" (or their money) again.

Some home-correspondence airline training schools may be on the level (registered with the state and so forth) but many are not. In any case, girls seeking careers as stewardesses should keep this in mind: all of the major airlines conduct their own training programs. Their attitude toward private training schools is that the trainee has to unlearn whatever she has acquired there and start all over with them.

More than ever before, today's young people are on the move, travelling to distant cities and countries their parents only read about. Trouble is the swindlers are also on the move.

Again, while many charter groups are strictly legitimate, too many aren't. Every summer, thousands of teenagers find that their advance payments have just disappeared. Only the swindlers get to travel -- right out of town and as fast as they can. Worse yet is the fate of many young people who find themselves stranded in foreign places with no way of getting back.

With cut-rate travel plans, your best policy is to ask for what airline and flight the group is to travel on, then check with the airline itself to see that the travel agency has in fact reserved the plane.

As a general policy, when dealing with any agency by mail, shun those with a post office box return address (they're far too easy to set up and may just consist of that -- a P. O. Box) and make inquiries before sending any money or signing any contract.

Next Week: The Ten Most Common Traps.

--- John Evans

Questions And Answers For Veterans

EDITOR'S NOTE: Veterans and their dependents are asking thousands of questions concerning the benefits their government provides for them through the Veterans Administration. Below are some representative queries. Additional information may be obtained at any VA office.

Q—I am a veteran who wishes to go in with a non-veteran to get a G.I. loan. Will VA guarantee such a loan?

A—Yes, but the amount of the loan on which the guaranty or insurance is based will be in proportion to the veteran's interest in the loan. It may be difficult to find a lender willing to make such a loan.

Q—I draw a VA pension as the widow of a World War I veteran, and my only other income is from Social Security. Since I am unable to perform household chores, will the VA give me an allowance to help pay the people who do my housework?

A—There is a law which provides an extra allowance for widows drawing death benefits if their disabilities are such that they require regular aid and assistance of another person. In order to determine your eligibility for this allowance, suggest you submit to the VA office having jurisdiction of your claim a report of a complete physical examination by your physician. Your eligibility for the allowance can then be determined.

Q—My husband has not changed the beneficiary on his $10,000 National Service Life Insurance since our marriage. He says it is not necessary to change the beneficiary, since the insurance is automatically paid to the wife of a veteran. Is this true?

A—No. The Veterans Administration must pay the designated beneficiary of record. If your husband wants you to receive the proceeds of his N.S.L.I. policy, he must name you as beneficiary.

To Be Equal

THE BLACK ELDERLY

By

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This is a youth-oriented nation. But we're also the country that's perhaps the most callous in its attitude toward its elderly citizens. A recent survey for the upcoming White House Conference on the Aged found that the majority of old people can't make ends meet and can't afford to buy the food they like. Nearly one out of five said they sometimes feel they have nothing to live for.

If things are this bad for older people in general, they are far worse for the black aged who suffer double jeopardy–they are old and they are black.

Their story if one of heroism and fortitude in the face of fantastic odds against them. To begin with, the average black man's life expectancy is below 65, so most, therefore, may never reap their earned benefits of Social Security and Medicare.

Life expectancy for black men has, in fact, declined. Although the life expectancy for white men – 67.5 years – remained the same between 1960 and 1968, the life expectancy for black men declined a full year (from 61.1 years to 60.1).

But despite the hazards of hard times and discrimination, older blacks continue to play a significant role in maintaining stability and cohesion in black families.

Four times as many families headed by elderly black couples take younger relatives into their households than do similar white families. Almost half of the black families headed by elderly women have related children living with them – in contract to only one-tenth of comparable white families.

If older people tend more often to be poor, older black people are even more prone to poverty. Older black couples' median income in 1969 was only $3,222 as against $4,488 for whites. Among aged black families headed by females and among individuals, median income is about half that for whites.

Elderly black people are employed in about the same proportions as elderly whites, but let's not forget that they are more likely to be working in jobs that have longer hours and hard physical work at less pay. They suffer the toll of long years of labor and inferior health care.

Elderly blacks also often cannot get the benefits other people get upon retirement. Because their jobs were not covered by Social Security until recently, many black people are still not qualified to receive social security benefits or receive only the minimum benefits. Medicare insurance payments are scaled so high that a recent government study found that over two-thirds of the black elderly didn't benefit from this medical coverage.

So it may be said that of all the people treated unequally in this supposedly democratic society, the most unequal of all are elderly black people. But despite this, they are marked by their ability to "keep the faith" and hang in where others falter.

An indicator of this is the suicide rate. Among males 65 to 69 years old, the suicide rate for whites is three times the suicide rate for blacks, and white women are three times as likely to commit suicide as are black women. So it appears that the most opporessed of the elderly demonstrate the greatest resilience.

It is imperative, therefore, that the White House Conference on the Aged in November not be another forum for suppression and inaction. This nation must take affirmative action to end the inhumane treatment of its minority elderly.

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